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Carver House Explosion from Propane Leak

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Carver Fire Chief Craig Weston announced that today's house explosion and ensuing fire at 17 Eda Avenue in Carver was due to a propane leak. Investigators have determined that the leak was in the kitchen where the stove was fueled by propane. The most likely ignition source of the gas vapors was a water bubbler also located in the kitchen.

Chief Weston said, "While the total loss of the house is tragic, it is fortunate that no one was home at the time of the explosion and no one was hurt." He added, "I would like to commend the efforts of the more than 20 Carver firefighters who responded and quickly brought this blaze under control."

State Fire Marshal Coan warned, "If you smell gas, get out of the house and call the fire department right away."

The fire and explosion was jointly investigated by the members of the Carver Fire Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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